

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. The amendment introduces no new matter. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,128,619 to Fogarasi et al. (hereinafter "Fogarasi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,813,009 to Johnson et al. (hereinafter "Johnson") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,957,384 to Jeffery et al. (hereinafter "Jeffery"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action relies on Fogarasi as allegedly disclosing several features recited, for example, in claim 1. The Office Action concedes that Fogarasi fails to disclose a control part which controls the storage part based on setting information in the instruction form which presets whether the source data should be stored or not. The Office Action relies on Johnson to remedy this shortfall. The Office Action asserts that the information filter of Johnson which sets retention flags, corresponds to the presently claimed control part. The Office Action asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fogarasi to include the alleged teaching of Johnson to arrive at a control part which controls the storage part based on setting information in the instruction form which presets whether the source data should be stored or not.

The Office Action further concedes that Fogarasi in view of Johnson does not teach that the various processes are document-modification workflow processes. The Office Action relies on Jeffery to remedy this shortfall. The Office Action asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Fogarasi in view of Johnson to include the alleged teachings of Jeffery to arrive at a service processing system where the various processes are document-modification workflow processes. The analysis of the Office Action fails for at least the following reasons.

Fogarasi discloses a method and apparatus for generating an Internet-enabled application for accessing a hierarchical database. A class definition tool parses database files and generates class definitions for objects that encapsulate or wrapper data retrieved from the database, (see col. 5, lines 33-35). Fogarasi discloses a method and apparatus that generates forms and pages for interaction between a web browser and a database. These generated forms and pages guide the user through the database, even if the user has no prior knowledge of the complicated hierarchical structure of the database, (see col. 5, lines 43-45).

In contrast, the presently claimed subject matter includes among other features, a plurality of service processors that execute the various document-modification workflow processes on the document data in cooperation based on the instruction form. The Office Action asserts that the web browsers of Fogarasi correspond to the plurality of service processors of the present claims. However, these web browsers simply display information for access to and from the database, and do not execute various document modification workflow processes on document data in cooperation based on an instruction form, as presently claimed.

Additionally, the present claims recite that the plurality of service processors include, among other features, a storage part which stores the source data in relation to identifying information that identifies the document modification workflow process instructed in the instruction form. The Office Action asserts that Fogarasi discloses the currently claimed storage part where each of the clients in Fogarasi stores, at least temporarily, source data used in the display process. However, Applicant notes that the currently claimed storage part stores the source data in relation to identifying information that identifies the document modification workflow process instructed in the instruction form. Applicant notes that the instruction form describes all the information pieces regarding control of cooperation process of services, (see specification page 11 and Fig. 6). The alleged storing in Fogarasi, even

temporarily, does not correspond to a storage part which stores source data in relation to information in the instruction form, where the instruction form describes information for the control of cooperation process of services. Accordingly, the features of Fogarasi cannot reasonably be considered to correspond to the currently claimed storage part of the plurality of service processors.

Neither of Johnson or Jeffery are applied in a manner to overcome the above-identified shortfalls in Fogarasi.

For at least the above reasons, the applied references cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested the combinations of features positively recited in claims 1, 7, 13 and 14. Additionally, claims 2-6, 8-12, and 15-17 would also not have been reasonably suggested by the applied references for at least the respective dependence of these claims, directly or indirectly, on an allowable base claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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